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- 1) NSC Executive will meet twice a day.  
6:00 p.m. today.
- 2) Assuming a 3:00 OAS Resolution, President will proclaim 4:00 p.m. blockade. Cover dawn tomorrow. Ship KIMOUSK carefully picked as "right one".
- 3) Press and Congressional information: Subcommittee of Bob Kennedy, McCone, Vice President, Ambassador Thompson, and Salinger.
- 4) Analysis of effect of full blockade, economic and political, and of same except food and medicine - on Cuba and separately on Berlin. Two studies.  
Action: CIA Department Action: ARA and EUR respectively.
- 5) NSC Subcommittee on Berlin Contingency Working Group.  
Nitze - Chairman - State Action: Hillenbrand
- 6) Contingency procedure in event of U-2 shoot down.  
(a) SAC to inform SecDef of "any deviation" in flight pattern tract. SecDef to inform President [redacted] from event. Defense to maintain capacity for reaction within [redacted] of event for air strike [redacted] against SAM site, hopefully specific site shoot down. In President's absence Sec Def authorized to act only if fact of U-2 shoot down by SAM is clear. Further consideration to be given widening attack on SAM if further shoot down. SecDef to consider intercept of air transport [redacted] Cuba and inform President if flights of particular significance occur.

7) Problem

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- 7) Problem of leave time and logistic supply for Cuban invasion plan: [REDACTED] Action: DOD. Possibility of permitting foreign flags in inner coastal waters to relieve US ships. Action: Justice
- 8) Six low level recon flights this morning. No press comment by State. Manning informed.
- 9) Dispersal of south Florida airfield activity. Action: Defense to study.
10. Communications Committee to report to President tomorrow. Weisner, Chairman. Orrick informed. *Kuen*
11. President's Brazil trip cancelled. ARA informed.
12. Study of proposal to permit Soviet inspection of contents of surface convoys into Berlin. Nitze group. State action: Hillenbrand.
13. Working party on thinking ahead. State member: Rostow and G/PM. Both informed.

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